



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 25, 1998

### **H.R. 4223**

### **Colusa Basin Watershed Integrated Resources Management Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 16, 1998*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 4223 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to provide financial assistance to the Colusa Basin Drainage District in California, for use by the district or by local agencies for planning, designing, and constructing eligible projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed. To carry out such activities the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million plus additional amounts to cover increases in project costs during the time necessary to complete those projects. The projects that would be authorized to receive funding under H.R. 4223 are intended, among other purposes, to reduce the risk of damage to urban and agricultural areas from flooding, and to construct, restore, and preserve wetland and riparian habitat.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4223 would require appropriations of \$29 million over the 1999-2010 period. We estimate that outlays would total \$14 million over the 1999-2003 period, and \$15 million in subsequent years, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). State and Local governments might incur some costs as a result of the bill's enactment, but these costs would be voluntary.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4223 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	1	3	3	5	5
Estimated Outlays	1	2	3	4	5

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For the purpose of this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 1999 and that the estimated amounts necessary to implement the bill will be appropriated for each year. CBO estimated the annual funding levels based on information provided by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Colusa Basin Drainage District. Outlay estimates are based on historical rates of spending for similar activities.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 4223 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The drainage district and any other nonfederal participants would pay 25 percent of the costs of constructing any funded projects and all of the costs of operating and maintaining such projects. Any such contributions by state or local governments would be voluntary.

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